

HONORING SUPERVISOR SHARON
LEVY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fresno County Supervisor Sharon Levy for her years of dedicated service to the community.

Sharon Levy was first elected to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in 1975 and was reelected for a 7th term in March of 1996. She served as Governor Deukmejian's Appointee to the State Board of Corrections and currently serves as a member of Fresno County Children & Families First Commission (Chairman), Fresno County Transportation Authority, San Joaquin River Conservancy, Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation, Fresno Rotary, Board of Governors of the California State University (Fresno Foundation), Airport Land Use Commission, Co-Chairman of Adult Volunteer Crossing Guard Program, COG Rail Committee, Domus Mitis Foundation.

Supervisor Levy's past committee and board Memberships include: Fresno County Planning Commission, Workforce Development, Fresno Convention Visitors Bureau, Philharmonic Board, Valley Children's Hospital Board, Past-President of Jr. League of Fresno, Past-President of Women's Symphony League, Past-President of Mallock PTA, Former Den Mother.

Sharon is married to Joe Levy. They have three children and 8 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sharon Levy for her active and distinguished community involvement. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Sharon Levy many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EUGENE A.R.
MONTGOMERY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Eugene A.R. Montgomery who was a longtime friend and mentor. Mr. Montgomery was a true champion of civil rights, a reputable leader in the business and real estate arenas, and an inspiration to all members of his community. The Eugene A.R. Montgomery Foundation at South Carolina State University carries on the legacy of service that Mr. Montgomery began and cultivated throughout his lifetime.

I commend the Eugene A.R. Montgomery Foundation for helping students with dreams of entering the business world turn those dreams into reality. Through programs that provide incentives for young African-Americans pursuing careers in entrepreneurial business—particularly the fields of real estate and insurance—the Foundation also encourages students to remain sensitive to the civil issues surrounding them. The mission of the foundation is one which seeks to foster and encourage the success, commitment, and character that Mr. Montgomery exemplified with his many accomplishments and achievements.

As an active participant in the landmark Clarendon County school desegregation case, Briggs vs. Elliott—one of the five cases which became Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, Mr. Montgomery demonstrated tremendous courage and determination. He worked very closely with Thurgood H. Marshall coordinating many activities of the plaintiffs and the NAACP attorneys.

He served as the First Executive Secretary of the South Carolina Branches of the NAACP, Treasurer of the Orangeburg NAACP, and was a Life Member of the NAACP. He was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a partner in the first black-owned real estate and insurance company in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and owner of Montgomery and Company Insurance Company. He was a Postal Service retiree, a Mason, and an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

A former member of the Orangeburg Zoning and Appeals board, the Human Rights Council, the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts, Junior Achievement, and a founder of the National Association for Real Estate Brokers, Mr. Montgomery was a member of the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce and the Orangeburg School District Five Foundation Committee at the time of his death in 1996.

Mr. Montgomery was a fine citizen in every respect. His wife Georgia continues much of his ideas and ideals today with her own community service endeavors and support of the Foundation named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Eugene A.R. Montgomery, whose life's visions live on and continue to foster and encourage young people through the Eugene A.R. Montgomery Foundation. I wish the Foundation good luck and Godspeed in carrying out the visions and honoring the legacy of a fine American who exemplified the concept of leading by example.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOYD
HOSPITAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Boyd Hospital on this, the 60th Anniversary of its service to Carrollton and Greene County, Illinois.

For over half a century, the Boyd Hospital has been administering to the needs of the people of Carrollton and the surrounding areas. And they have been successful; in this last year alone, they have admitted hundreds of patients to their full-time care and helped thousands more on an outpatient basis. Moreover, Boyd also has a strong physical therapy program and a crack ER staff—this hospital has undoubtedly saved many hundreds of lives. Especially in these troubled times, it is comforting for the people of Carrollton to know that they are being served by such a skilled institution.

Over the last sixty years, the staff of Boyd Hospital has acted with care, compassion, and competence. And though the deeds themselves are perhaps reward enough for the staff of Boyd Hospital, I think it appropriate that on this special day they are recognized.

So, on behalf of the people of Carrollton and of the great State of Illinois, I would like to thank them for their efforts—they are greatly needed and greatly appreciated. As a token of that appreciation, I would like to list some of their names here for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Dr. Adams, Dr. Reid, Dr. Turpin, Dr. Mapue, Dr. Khalisia, Dr. Parcon, Dr. Casleton, Dr. Voights, Dr. Harmon, Dr. McNeer, Dr. Dizon, Dr. Palchiff, and Deb Campbell.

Thank you all, and may God bless you and your work.

RESERVISTS EDUCATION
PROTECTION ACT OF 2001

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Reservists Education Protection Act of 2001. Original co-sponsors of this legislation include my good friend Lane Evans (D-IL), the Ranking Democratic Member of the VA Committee and 31 other Members of the House. This bill would reinstate VA educational entitlement to certain Active Duty servicemembers and veterans in reserve components called up for Operation Enduring Freedom and future national emergencies.

Up to 10,000 of the 50,000 Reservists recently called to active duty by President Bush as a result of the September 11th attacks against the United States would lose educational assistance entitlement if they are forced to disenroll from school. Many of them would also lose the tuition they paid.

The Reservists Education Protection Act of 2001 would restore monthly entitlement to (a) veterans in reserve components who are using the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) earned by prior active duty, and (b) regular Active Duty servicemembers and veteran reservists who are transferred to a new duty station or assignment.

The Reservists Education Protection Act of 2001 would cover any such servicemember involved in a national emergency after September 11, 2001. (Note: Reservists using the MGIB-Selected Reserve program already have entitlement restoration benefits, and additional time to use their benefit.)

Active Duty servicemembers and veterans are currently entitled to 36 months of educational benefits; this bill assures that no entitlement is lost due to mobilization. The Reservists Education Protection Act of 2001 is similar to the relief that Congress provided during the Persian Gulf War.

The servicemember would also regain time to attend school by extending their Montgomery GI Bill delimiting date by their mobilization tour of duty, plus four months, to the 10 years that they already have. For example, if a servicemember is mobilized for six months, he or she would have 10 months added to their delimiting date.

Active Duty servicemembers and veterans enrolled in the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) (chapter 32) and Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (chapter 35) would also be included in the Reservists Education Protection Act of 2001.